

Aquaculture newsletter

Spring 2022



Spring has sprung

Joe Bailey, Head of Farming

Lighter days, thriving nature and new life. But in the current gloom of world events and challenges beyond our control, some days can feel overwhelming. Spring is perhaps a reminder to focus on what is important, our families, friends and those we care for at work.

In March, we welcomed Mike (Michael) Baker as the new interim chief executive of RSPCA Assured. He has 25 years of leadership experience in animal welfare - including farm animals - having previously been chief executive of [The Brooke](#), [World Animal Protection](#) and [The Donkey Sanctuary](#), and a former President of [Eurogroup for Animals](#).

Mike will be leading RSPCA Assured through an exciting period of transformation whilst helping the organisation find a new long-term chief executive to lead the charity into the future.

I hope you find joy, peace, and hope in this season of change.

Come and see us at Aquaculture UK in May!

Jeremy Costello, Marketing Executive

Are you coming to [Aquaculture UK](#)? Come visit us on stand 271. We will be there from 3 - 5 May.

We want to see as many members as possible, so please drop by for a chat. Our team will be around to answer any questions that you might have about the scheme or the RSPCA's higher welfare standards.

If you would like to request a meeting in advance, please click the link below, or feel free to chat with us on the day.

[Request a meeting](#)



A message from the RSPCA's Farm Animals Department

Sean Black, Senior Scientific Officer (Aquaculture)

2022 is already bringing unique challenges to the UK aquaculture industries that are highly concerning for farmers. There will undoubtedly be more challenges as the year goes on, but we appreciate all the hard work being done on farms and in support roles to safeguard and protect fish welfare.

Despite some of the doom and gloom, there continue to be some amazing opportunities for innovation and development. We welcome all of these and look forward to seeing how they progress.

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Farewell to Bronek

Malcolm Johnstone, Aquaculture Manager



Bronek joined RSPCA Assured in July 2016, and we had the pleasure of his company for over five and half years. But he has decided to move on to a new role at LRQA as an aquaculture auditor.

He started with us as an aquaculture assessor covering both salmon and trout, and in 2018, Bronek progressed to a senior assessor.

I enjoyed working and training Bronek over the years; he was hard-working, cheerful and quick to learn with a common-sense approach. Together, we achieved a lot, and there was always a lot of laughter along the way.

Bronek and I hit it off from the start and became great friends, and although he has taken a different path, this friendship will continue in life. I am looking forward to sharing some Polish hospitality when we meet in Oban and again put the world to rights.

He will be a huge miss for me personally but a great asset to LRQA and the wider aquaculture industry in his new role. Best of luck, Bronek! I will see you soon, my friend.

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